NCDOT TO HOLD PUBLIC MEETING APRIL 8TH IN STATESVILLE FOR THE PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF THE SHELTON AVENUE (U.S. 21/N.C. 115) BRIDGE OVER THIRD CREEK

TIP Project No. B-4982

The N.C. Department of Transportation will hold a public meeting in April regarding the proposed project to replace the Shelton Avenue (U.S. 21/N.C. 115) bridge over Third Creek in Iredell County.

Built in 1921, the existing bridge, although safe for the traveling public, is classified as structurally deficient and is in relatively poor condition. The bridge has an insufficient load-carrying capacity and can no longer adequately service current and future traffic demand. NCDOT is planning to replace the bridge at its current location. There are four alternatives currently being considered, including using temporary on-site detours and shoulder stage construction (maintaining traffic on-site using shoulders). This project will require the acquisition of additional right-of-way. Right-of-way acquisition is scheduled to begin May 2016 with construction scheduled to begin May 2017.

The meeting will take place on **Tuesday**, **April 8**th at the **Statesville City Hall Council Chambers**, located at **227 S. Center Street** in **Statesville**, from **5-7 p.m.** Interested citizens may attend at any time during the above hours, as there will be no formal presentation. NCDOT representatives will be available to answer questions and receive comments regarding the proposed project. Citizens will also have the opportunity to submit comments and questions in writing.

For additional information, contact Natalie Lockhart with the NCDOT - Project Development Bridge Section at (919) 707-6175, via email at nnlockhart@ncdot.gov or at 1548 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-1548. Please submit comments by Tuesday, April 22, 2014.

NCDOT will provide auxiliary aids and services under the Americans with Disabilities Act for disabled persons who want to participate in these meetings. Anyone requiring special services should contact Lockhart as early as possible so that arrangements can be made.

Persons who speak Spanish, do not speak English, or have a limited ability to read, speak or understand English, may receive interpretive services upon request prior to the meeting by calling (800) 481-6494.